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TITLE:

BOTTLE WITH INTEGRALLY FORMED OPENER

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (or an original, first and joint inventor) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled BOTTLE WITH INTEGRALLY FORMED OPENER, the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, \S 1.56.

[] In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97

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